

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2178
Docket No.: 826.1931**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Tsuyahiko SHIMADA

Serial No. 10/784,977

Group Art Unit: 2178

Confirmation No. 8981

Filed: February 25, 2004

Examiner: Manglesh Patel

For: DOCUMENT PROCESSING APPARATUS AND STORAGE MEDIUM

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attention: **BOX AF**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 22, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on March 22, 2006. A petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee, is enclosed herewith, thereby extending the due date to April 22, 2007.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.